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Spanning a period of four tumultuous decades from the mid-1930s through the mid-1970s, this study reassesses the ways in which Chicagoans negotiated the extraordinary challenges of rape, as either victims or accused perpetrators. Drawing on extensive trial testimony, government reports, and media coverage, Dawn Rae Flood examines how men and women, particularly African Americans, understood and challenged rape myths and claimed their protection as citizens. Flood shows how defense strategies challenged assumptions about black criminality while continuing to deploy racist and sexist stereotypes. Uniquely combining legal studies, medical history, and personal accounts, Flood pays special attention to how medical evidence was considered in rape cases and how victim-patients were treated. She analyzes medical testimony in modern rape trials, tracing the evolution of contemporary "rape kit" procedures as shaped by legal requirements, feminist reform efforts and women's experiences. Author: Flood, Dawn Rae Publisher: University of Illinois Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Rape in Chicago: Race, Myth, and the Courts Pages: 00256 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00256 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-05-29 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780252036897 Category: History : United States - 20th Century Category: Social Science : Ethnic Studies - African American Studies -

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